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A Preview Season

presentation of

Bill Warfield Big Band

May 3, 1997

Baker Hall

*Inaugural Season begins
September 1997*

THE BILL WARFIELD BIG BAND

Bill Warfield, trumpet, leader

Trumpet

Tony Kadleck
Taylor Haskins
John Eckert

Saxophone

Mike Dubaniewicz
Dave Riekenberg
Joel Frahm
Ray Franks

Trombone

Tim Sessions
Tim Newman

Drums

Grisha Alexiev

Guitar

Pete McCann

Bass

Chris Berger

Piano

Tim Harrison

Bill Warfield received his M.M. in Jazz Commercial Trumpet from the Manhattan School of Music. There he received *The William H. Borden Award for Outstanding Accomplishment in Jazz/Commercial Music*, *The Carmine Caruso Award for Outstanding Musicality and Trumpet Performance*, and the *Maynard Ferguson Scholarship*. In 1990 Bill participated in the BMI Jazz Composers Workshop directed by Bob Brookmeyer and Manny Albam.

In 1996 and 1997 The Bill Warfield Big Band was featured at Birdland in New York City as part of The Apple Band Cavalcade. In December of '96, they recorded their latest CD, *Old Devil Moon. New York City Jazz*, the band's first release, on Interplay Records, received critical acclaim from such notables as Leonard Feather, Chuck Berg, Syd Levin, John Wilson, and Tom Conrad in *CD Review Magazine*. In 1994 Bill released his second album,, *The City Never Sleeps* on Seabreeze Records which was hailed by Kim Richmond in *Jazz Player Magazine*. In 1995, Bill co-produced a recording with Dave Stryker on the Steeplechase label entitled *Nomad*. The Bill Warfield Big Band was featured at the 1994 IAJE Convention, and the NYC Brass Conference in 1991, 1994 and 1997.

Among his other accomplishments is a commission by the government of Spain to arrange and produce *Hollywood Jazz*, a musical review for the 1992 Olympic year, and a commission by the Berlin Radio Orchestra to write two works for big band. He has been commissioned by the U.S. Air Force Airmen of Note, and has appeared with the United States Navy Commodores as a clinician. Bill has performed with many well-known jazz and commercial artists including *The American Jazz Orchestra* directed by John Lewis, Ornette Coleman, Dave Liebman, Mel Lewis, Paul Anka, Mel Torme, Randy Brecker, Dave Sanborn, Sonny Stitt, Sheila Jordan, Lester Bowie, and was NBC staff musician for the 1995 VIDA awards. He has been an orchestrator for Eddie Palmieri and Lester Bowie. Early in his career, Bill was a performer, contributing writer, and co-producer of two albums for the Bill Kirchner Nonet on Seabreeze Records. Bill presently is on the advisory board of the Baltimore Jazz Orchestra, where he plays lead trumpet. Bill was the director of the jazz ensemble at The Brooklyn Conservatory of the City University of New York, Director of Jazz Studies at the Dalton School in New York, and Assistant Professor of Jazz Trumpet at The University of North Florida.

In addition to his professional career as an international performer, recording artist, band leader, and producer, Bill Warfield is currently a Lecturer at Lehigh University where he directs and arranges for jazz ensembles, wind ensemble, teaches jazz history and improvisation. He is also adjunct professor of trumpet at Towson State University.

The Bill Warfield Big Band was founded in 1985. Originally a group of freelance, Broadway and studio musicians looking for challenging music to play, the band first appeared at the Greenwich Village Jazz Festival in 1987. Their first album, *New York City Jazz* on Interplay Records was released in 1990 to much critical acclaim. This was followed by two more recordings, *The City Never Sleeps*, Seabreeze Records, and *Nomad* on the Steeplechase label. The band continues to appear at colleges, festivals, and New York City jazz clubs such as Birdland, The Blue Note, and Visiones. Their new recording, *Old Devil Moon* will be released some time next year. *New York City Jazz* and *The City Never Sleeps* are available in the Museum Gift Shop in the Zoellner Arts Center.

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